Amendment and Response

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For: ADIPOCYTE COMPLEMENT RELATED PROTEIN ZACRP13

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 2, 5 and 6 without prejudice.

Per 37 C.F.R. §1.121, the current status of all the claims in the present application is presented below.

Claim 1 (original): An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding a polypeptide wherein the encoded polypeptide comprises amino acid residues 18-459 of SEQ ID NO:2.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (original): The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, wherein the encoded polypeptide comprises amino acid residues 1-459 of SEQ ID NO:2.

Claim 4 (original):. The isolated nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, wherein the encoded polypeptide is SEQ ID NO:2.

Claims 5 and 6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (original): An expression vector comprising the following operably linked elements:

a transcription promoter;

a DNA segment encoding a polypeptide wherein the encoded polypeptide comprises amino acid residues 18-459 of SEQ ID NO:2; and

a transcription terminator.

Claim 8 (original): The expression vector of claim 7 further comprising a secretory signal sequence operably linked to the DNA segment.

Claim 9 (original): The expression vector of claim 8 further comprising an affinity tag operably linked to the DNA segment.

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Claim 10 (original): A cultured cell into which has been introduced an expression vector of claim 7, wherein the cell expresses the polypeptide encoded by the DNA segment.

Claim 11 (original): A cultured cell into which has been introduced an expression vector of claim 8, wherein the cell expresses the polypeptide encoded by the DNA segment.

Claim 12 (original): A method of producing a polypeptide comprising: culturing a cell of claim 10; and isolating the polypeptide produced by the cell.

Claim 13 (original): A method of producing a polypeptide comprising: culturing a cell according to claim 11; and 'isolating the polypeptide produced by the cell.